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SUBJECT: YOUR MEETING WITH THE AFRICAN
AMBASSADORS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, ADAMS ROOM

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFLE

PARTICIPANTS

---US -- -- AFRICA --
THE SECRETARY LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR PEAL, (DEAN
WILLIAM SCHAUFLE, JR. OF AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC CORPS)
DENNIS KEOGH, AF/I AND APPROXIMATELY 38 OTHER
(NOTETAKER) AFRICAN AMBASSADORS AND CHARGES
ALEC TOUMAYAN, INTERPRETER

AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE WILL BE AT YOUR OFFICE 15 MINUTES
BEFORE THE MEETING TO ACCOMPANY YOU TO THE ADAMS ROOM
ON THE 8TH FLOOR. THE AFRICAN DIPLOMATS WILL BE SEATED
WHEN YOU ARRIVE. PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE PRESENT BRIEFLY
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING AND REFRESHMENTS WILL
BE SERVED AT ITS CONCLUSION.
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AMBASSADORS PEAL OF LIBERIA, QUARM OF GHANA AND COULBARY
OF SENEGAL ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES
YOU WILL BE VISITING, THE AMBASSADORS OF ZAMBIA AND

TANZANIA ALREADY HAVE LEFT FOR THEIR COUNTRIES IN PREPARATION FOR YOUR VISIT AND WILL BE REPRESENTED BY CHARGES, AS WILL KENYA AND ZAIRE, WHICH DO NOT PRESENTLY HAVE AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON.

AFTER YOUR OPENING REMARKS (TAB ONE) AMBASSADOR PEAL PROBABLY WILL SAY A FEW WORDS ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES AND ASK THE FIRST QUESTION.

CHECKLIST:

-- THE NEED FOR THE AMBASSADORS, AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS, TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TRIP IN TERMS OF US-AFRICAN RELATIONS.

-- OBJECTIVES OF TRIP ARE TO SPELL OUT US AFRICAN POLICY, TO CONSULT WITH AFRICAN LEADERS ON HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO HELP SOLVE PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL CONCERN, TO SEEK INCREASED AFRICAN UNDERSTANDING OF THE GLOBAL CONTEXT IN WHICH THE US MUST VIEW AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS, AND TO CONFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT.

-- US IS COMMITTED TO MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA THAT INCLUDES RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF MINORITIES.

-- US WILL DO NOTHING TO SUPPORT THE WHITE MINORITY REGIME IN RHODESIA, BUT IT CANNOT ACCEPT ANY SOVIET/ CUBAN INTERFERENCE IN THIS AFRICAN PROBLEM.

-- AT UNCTAD US SEEKS TO CONTINUE TO WORK COOPERATIVELY TOWARDS PRAGMATIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTIONS TO LDC PROBLEMS.

SETTING:

THE MEETING WITH THE 39 AFRICAN AMBASSADORS AND CHARGES IS CONFIDENTIAL

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TAKING PLACE TWO DAYS BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE ON A 13-DAY, SEVEN-COUNTRY VISIT TO AFRICA, YOUR FIRST VISIT TO SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA AS SECRETARY OF STATE. THE AFRICANS WILL VIEW YOUR TRIP AS AMERICA'S MOST IMPORTANT GESTURE TOWARD AFRICA IN THE PAST SIX YEARS. AT YOUR LAST MEETING WITH THEM ON JANUARY 15 YOU SAID THE TRIP WOULD BE "TO SYMBOLIZE THE INCREASING ATTENTION WE HOPE TO BE GIVING TO AFRICAN PROBLEMS." THEY WILL BE EXPECTING TO LEARN FROM YOU, SO AS TO REPORT QUICKLY TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS, WHAT EXPECTATIONS AND OBJECTIVES YOU HAVE REGARDING THE TRIP, INCLUDING YOUR ATTENDANCE AT UNCTAD. FRESH IN THEIR MINDS WILL BE YOUR APRIL 16 STATEMENT IN PHOENIX THAT "I SHALL GO TO AFRICA WHERE I WILL CARRY AMERICA'S MESSAGE OF HOPE, SOCIAL JUSTICE, ASPIRATIONS

FOR HUMAN DIGNITY, RULE OF THE MAJORITY AND COOPERATION;
AND I SHALL ALSO WARN AGAINST FOREIGN INTERVENTION,
DIRECT OR SURROGATE, THAT WOULD BLOCK ALL HOPE FOR
PROGRESS."

YOUR OBJECTIVES WILL BE TO:

-- IMPRESS UPON THE AMBASSADORS THAT YOUR TRIP, AT A
TIME WHEN THERE ARE SERIOUS PROBLEMS ELSEWHERE IN THE
WORLD, UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE THE US ATTACHES TO
AFRICA: WE ARE DETERMINED TO BE HELPFUL IN THE
ACHIEVEMENT OF LEGITIMATE AFRICAN ASPIRATIONS FOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF MAJORITY RULE WITH RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF
MINORITIES.

-- PROVIDE THE AFRICAN AMBASSADORS, AND THROUGH THEM THE
AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS, A CLEAR IDEA OF THE OBJECTIVES OF
YOUR AFRICAN TRIP; SPECIFICALLY THE TRIP IS TO: 1) SPELL
OUT US POLICY TOWARD AFRICA WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF OUR
QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY, 2) TO CONSULT WITH
AFRICAN LEADERS ABOUT HOW WE CAN COOPERATE IN THE
SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL CONCERN, 3) SEEK INCREASED
MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ON IMPORTANT BILATERAL AND MULTI-
LATERAL ISSUES AND 4) CONFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO AFRICAN
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-- MAKE CLEAR THAT THE US IS COMMITTED TO MAJORITY RULE
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA BUT THAT IT CANNOT ACCEPT SOVIET/
CUBAN INTERFERENCE IN AFRICAN PROBLEMS.

-- MAKE CLEAR THAT THE US STRONGLY FAVORS SELF-
DETERMINATION, MAJORITY RULE, SOCIAL AND RACIAL JUSTICE
AND RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF MINORITIES IN ALL OF
AFRICA -- AND THAT WE WILL DO NOTHING TO SUPPORT THE
WHITE MINORITY REGIME IN RHODESIA.

-- SAY THAT DURING YOUR TRIP YOU WILL HOPE TO ORGANIZE
WITH THE INTERESTED BLACK AFRICAN STATES A SET OF
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WHICH WILL LEAD TO MAJORITY RULE
IN RHODESIA.

-- STRESS THAT AT UNCTAD, AS WAS DEMONSTRATED AT THE
SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, THE US WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER
AND HELP SHAPE PRAGMATIC, COOPERATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE
SOLUTIONS TO PRIORITY LDC PROBLEMS -- INCLUDING
COMMODITY PROBLEMS.

-- EXPLAIN THAT ONLY THE LIMITS OF TIME PREVENT YOU
VISITING MORE COUNTRIES, AND THAT AT A LATER DATE YOU

HOPE TO VISIT OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

THIS IS YOUR FOURTH FORMAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON WITH THE AFRICANS; THE LAST OCCURED JANUARY 15. SINCE THAT MEETING EVENTS HAVE MOVED RAPIDLY AND DANGEROUSLY IN AFRICA:

-- THE SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA PRODUCED VICTORY FOR THE MPLA.

-- THE OAU, WHICH DEADLOCKED AT AN EXTRAORDINARY JANUARY SUMMIT MEETING ON ANGOLA, HAS ADMITTED THE MPLA-RULED ANGOLA AS ITS 47TH MEMBER AND AGAIN HAS SPLIT INTO "RADICAL" VS "MODERATE" CAMPS, THIS TIME OVER THE ISSUE OF THE POLISARIO IN THE WESTERN SAHARA.

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-- THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM ANGOLA AND THE US ABSTAINED ON A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ITS INTERVENTION THERE.

-- THE SMITH/NKOMO TALKS HAVE BROKEN DOWN AND SPECULATION CONTINUES ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ANGOLAN-TYPE INTERVENTION IN RHODESIA.

-- MOZAMBIQUE HAS APPLIED UN SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA, THE SANCTIONS HAVE BEEN BROADENED BY THE UN AND THE US AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE OFFSET AID TO MOZAMBIQUE.

-- CONFLICTING ETHIOPIAN AND SOMALI INTERESTS IN DJIBOUTI AND AMIN'S CLAIM TO KENYAN TERRITORY HAVE INCREASED TENSIONS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA.

YOUR MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADORS AND YOUR TRIP TO AFRICA IS OCCURING AT A TIME OF GROWING CONCERN IN AFRICA -- CONCERN OVER SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION IN THE DEEPENING CRISES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND OTHER AFRICAN FLASHPOINTS; CONCERN THAT AFRICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS ARE BECOMING MORE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE AND UNCERTAINTY OVER THE UNITED STATES' STANCE ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES WHEN THEY APPEAR TO BE COMING TO A HEAD.

SUGGESTED OPENING REMARKS -- SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH THE AFRICAN AMBASSADORS

THANK YOU FOR COMING ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE.

AT OUR LAST MEETING IN MID-JANUARY I SAID THAT I HOPED TO

VISIT A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN AFRICA THIS SPRING AND SPEND TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS THERE. AS YOU ARE AWARE, I AM NOW GOING TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCEPT THE HOSPITALITY OFFERED BY A NUMBER OF AFRICA'S OUTSTANDING LEADERS AND DISCUSS WITH THEM THE PROBLEMS WHICH CONFRONT BOTH AFRICA AND THE UNITED STATES.

I WILL BE LEAVING WASHINGTON FRIDAY MORNING ON MY FIRST TRIP TO SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA SINCE BECOMING SECRETARY OF
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STATE. DURING 13 DAYS IN AFRICA I WILL BE VISITING KENYA, TANZANIA, ZAMBIA, ZAIRE, GHANA, LIBERIA AND SENEGAL. DEPUTY SECRETARY CHARLES ROBINSON WILL BE ALONG FOR PART OF MY TRIP AND, OF COURSE, BILL SCHAUFLE WILL BE WITH ME.

BEFORE LEAVING THE CONTINENT I WILL REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES AT THE QUADRENNIAL MEETING OF UNCTAD IN NAIROBI AND ADDRESS THIS IMPORTANT GATHERING. AT UNCTAD THE UNITED STATES WILL AGAIN OFFER PRAGMATIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS FACING THE DEVELOPING WORLD. WE WILL SEEK TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM AND COOPERATION ACHIEVED AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST FALL AND BUILD UPON THE INITIATIVES CONTAINED IN MY SPEECH TO THE SPECIAL SESSION.

DURING MY SEVEN-NATION TRIP I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO CANDID AND CONSTRUCTIVE MEETINGS WITH THE LEADERS OF THE AFRICAN NATIONS WHO CONFRONT SUCH SERIOUS CHALLENGES TODAY. I EXPECT TO LEARN MUCH FROM THEM IN PRIVATE MEETINGS WHERE THE FRANK EXPRESSION OF VIEWS CAN LEAD TO CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE AND ACTION.

I AM NOT GOING TO AFRICA FOR A CEREMONIAL VISIT. I WANT THE VISIT TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING. I WANT TO FOCUS THE ATTENTION OF THE US ON AFRICA.

PLEASE TELL YOUR GOVERNMENTS THAT WE DO RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEMS THAT CONFRONT YOUR LEADERS TODAY AND WHICH PRESS UPON THE RESOURCES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE CONTINENT. JUST AS I WANT TO BE ABLE TO BRING BACK WITH ME AN IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING OF AFRICAN PROBLEMS, I HOPE THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO ENHANCE AFRICAN UNDERSTANDING OF THE GLOBAL ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES BORNE BY THE UNITED STATES

AND A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR CAPABILITY FOR INFLUENCING EVENTS.

THE UNITED STATES IS DETERMINED TO REMAIN POSITIVELY AND ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN AFRICA AND WE WILL NOT ABANDON OR NEGLECT OUR FRIENDS THERE. IN AFRICA I WILL BE CARRYING

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AMERICA'S MESSAGE OF HOPE, SOCIAL JUSTICE, ASPIRATIONS FOR HUMAN DIGNITY, RULE OF THE MAJORITY, AND COOPERATION. I WILL ALSO CARRY THE MESSAGE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA, EITHER DIRECTLY BY A SUPER POWER OR THROUGH A SURROGATE, AS THAT WOULD BLOCK ALL HOPE FOR THE PROGRESS WE ALL HOPE TO SEE.

LET THERE BE NO DOUBT--WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT AFRICAN PROBLEMS SHOULD BE SOLVED BY AFRICANS. WE WILL NOT BE INDIFFERENT TO FUTURE ADVENTURISM BY THE SOVIET UNION OR ITS CUBAN SURROGATE. IN OPPOSING FOREIGN ADVENTURISM WE WILL DO NOTHING TO SUPPORT THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN RHODESIA. DURING MY TRIP I WILL ATTEMPT TO CONSULT WITH THE INTERESTED BLACK AFRICAN STATES A SET OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WHICH WE HOPE WILL LEAD TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA.

THE OBJECTIVES OF MY TRIP ARE CLEAR. I EXPECT TO SPELL OUT WHAT US POLICY IS IN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY THOSE ISSUES WHICH DIRECTLY AFFECT OUR QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY. AS A RESULT OF DIALOGUE WITH YOUR LEADERS I WILL SEEK TO INCREASE OUR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF THOSE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE AFRICAN NATIONS AND TO THE UNITED STATES. I SHALL ALSO REITERATE OUR DEEP COMMITMENT TO AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL MECHANISMS.

THIS IS A MOST IMPORTANT TRIP, AND I EXPECT POSITIVE RESULTS TO FLOW FROM IT. MY ONLY REGRET BEFOREHAND IS THAT I WILL NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE MORE OF AFRICA AND MEET MORE OF THE OUTSTANDING LEADERS ON THE CONTINENT. THE LIMITS OF TIME PREVENT ME FROM DOING MORE. I DO HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO RETURN TO AFRICA AT A LATER DATE.

I HAVE BENEFITED GREATLY FROM THESE MEETINGS WITH YOU. ANY COMMENTS YOU CAN OFFER WILL CERTAINLY HELP PREPARE ME FOR MY JOURNEY TO AFRICA.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS/SUGGESTED RESPONSES

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YOU MAY ANTICIPATE QUESTIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE RAISED BY THE AFRICAN AMBASSADORS AT THE JANUARY 15 MEETING AND BY THE BLACK CAUCUS ON APRIL 14. TWENTY-TWO OF THE AMBASSADORS RECENTLY MET WITH THE BLACK CAUCUS.

AT THE LAST MEETING THE AFRICANS RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT LONG-TERM US-AFRICAN RELATIONS, US EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN ANGOLA, US ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE MPLA, AS WELL AS SOVIET/CUBAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION, RHODESIA AND THE BYRD AMENDMENT AND WHETHER THE PURPOSE OF IO'S NEW OFFICE OF MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS WAS TO PUNISH COUNTRIES WHICH VOTED AGAINST US IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS.

QUESTION: WHEN WILL THE US RECOGNIZE ANGOLA?

SUGGESTED RESPONSE: WE ARE NOT, AND NEVER HAVE BEEN, OPPOSED TO THE MPLA PER SE AND HAVE PUT NO OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF US TRADE WITH ANGOLA. WE REMAIN PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH ANY GENUINE AFRICAN NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT BUT I AM NOT CERTAIN THAT A REGIME THAT NEEDS 13,000 CUBAN TROOPS TO ASSURE ITS SURVIVAL FITS THAT DESCRIPTION. THIS WILL BE AN IMPORTANT TOPIC OF DISCUSSION ON MY TRIP.

QUESTION: DO YOU PLAN TO MEET WITH LEADERS OF THE LIBERATION GROUPS OF RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA?

SUGGESTED RESPONSE: IF A MEETING WITH LEADERS OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS WOULD ADVANCE THE CHANCE FOR A SOLUTION IN RHODESIA I WOULD WANT TO DO SO, SUBJECT, OF COURSE TO VIEWS OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THE MEETING WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE.

QUESTION: WHY DOES THE US SUPPORT EXPANDED US SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA AND HELP MOZAMBIQUE OFFSET THE COST OF APPLYING SANCTIONS WHILE CONTINUING TO VIOLATE SANCTIONS WITH PURCHASES UNDER THE BYRD AMENDMENT?

SUGGESTED RESPONSE: THE US STRONGLY FAVORS A PEACEFUL AND EARLY SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM AND BELIEVES EXPANDED SANCTIONS AND MOZAMBIQUE'S APPLICATION OF THE UN SANCTIONS WILL HELP BRING THIS ABOUT. THE ADMINISTRATION
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IS OPPOSED TO OPEN OR CONCEALED VIOLATIONS OF THE SANCTIONS AND SUPPORTS THE REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT. FOUR MEN WERE CONVICTED IN A LOS ANGELES COURT LAST MONTH FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE SANCTIONS.

QUESTION: SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT ON YOUR ITINERARY, DOES THAT MEAN A CHANGE IN US POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA?

SUGGESTED RESPONSE: THE ABSENCE OF AN AFRICAN COUNTRY FROM MY ITINERARY DOES NOT HAVE POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE CONNOTATIONS AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED. OUR POLICY ON SOUTH AFRICA'S APARTHEID AND ITS INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA SHOULD BE CLEAR BY NOW --AND WILL BE EVEN CLEARER AFTER MY VISIT.

AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE I WOULD LIKE TO VISIT AFRICAN COUNTRIES NOT ON THIS ITINERARY.

QUESTION: AT UNCTAD OR IN SOME OTHER WAY IS THE US GOING TO HELP WITH THE PROBLEMS OF COMMODITIES -- FOR EXAMPLE, US PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT?

SUGGESTED RESPONSE: WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER MEASURES THAT WILL IMPROVE THE FUNCTIONING OF MARKETS AND WILL DIRECTLY MEET THE PROBLEMS OF RAW MATERIAL PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. BECAUSE NO ONE FORMULA WILL APPLY TO ALL COMMODITIES WE PROPOSE TO DISCUSS NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. WE HAVE SIGNED THE TIN AND COFFEE AGREEMENTS AND CONTINUE TO STUDY CAREFULLY THE INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT.

QUESTION: DOES THE DEPARTURE OF AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN MEAN THAT THE US WILL NOT FOLLOW A POLICY OF PENALIZING COUNTRIES THAT VOTE AGAINST THE US IN THE UN?

SUGGESTED RESPONSE: AMBASSADOR SCRANTON, AS AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN DID BEFORE HIM, WILL BE CARRYING OUT US POLICY AT THE UNITED NATIONS. THE US WILL NOT MAKE DECISIONS ON BILATERAL MATTERS -- FOR EXAMPLE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE -- SOLELY ON THE GROUNDS OF A COUNTRY'S ACTIONS IN MULTILATERAL FORUMS. WE WILL CONSIDER THE TOTALITY OF OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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RELATIONS -- INCLUDING THE MULTILATERAL ASPECT.

QUESTION: YOU ARE NOT VISITING THE SAHEL ON YOUR TRIP, DOES THIS MEAN A LESSENERED US INTEREST?

SUGGESTED RESPONSE: EXCEPT FOR A VISIT TO DAKAR, I REGRET THAT TIME DOES NOT PERMIT A VISIT TO THIS AREA WHERE TRE-

MENDOUS EXERTIONS ARE BEING MADE BY THE AFFECTED AFRICAN STATES AND FOREIGN DONORS TO ALLEVIATE CURRENT SUFFERING AND FIND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS. WE PARTICIPATED IN THE MARCH 29-31 DAKAR MEETING OF LE CLUB DES AMIS DU SAHEL AND WE WILL BE PRESENTING TO CONGRESS A REPORT OUTLINING A STRATEGY FOR A LONG-TERM INVESTMENT PROGRAM INTENDED TO TRANSFORM THE SAHELIAN ECONOMY TO EVENTUAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY. DURING THE DROUGHT WE PROVIDED A QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLARS IN ASSISTANCE AND OUR CONVENTIONAL ASSISTANCE HAS QUADRUPLERED TO THE CURRENT \$60 MILLION PER ANNUM.

CONCURRENCE:S/P:DPETTERSON

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